

The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

MEMORANDUM FOR: Donald Latham
Assistant Secretary of Defense for
Command, Control, Communications, and Intelligence

SUBJECT: Computer Security Center Review of DCI Safeguards

1. I appreciate your sending us a copy of the DoD Computer Security Center's (CSC) review of the DCI's SAFEGUARDS. In substance, it seems less a serious indictment than fresh evidence that we need to work more closely together to get on with improving computer security. Our analysis indicates that the major flaws perceived by DoD CSC are largely disagreements about terminology and its interpretation rather than fundamental differences. We are prepared to work closely with NTISSC and the DoD CSC to resolve such problems. At the same time, however, we need your cooperation in moving, as rapidly as possible, to do all that is technically and operationally feasible in the near term to improve the security of the critical systems identified by the DCI.

2. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you at a mutually convenient time.

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